

U.S. Department of Transportation

National Highway Traffic Safety Administration

ODI RESUME

Investigation: PE 06-005 Date Opened: 01/20/2006

Principal Investigator: Nate Seymour

Subject: Inadvertent Sl-de-Out Extension Movement

Manufacturer: Fleetwood Enterprises, Inc., Fleetwood Folding Trailer, Inc.

Products: Fleetwood 2002-05 RV's With Slide Out Extension

Population: 4,000 (estimated)

Problem Description: Vehicles equipped with a "slide-out room" may experience unintentional

opening or movement of the slide-out while the vehicle is in motion.

FAILURE REPORT SUMMARY

	ODI	Manufacturer	Total
Complaints:	4	0	4
Crashes/Fires:	0	0	0
Injury Incidents:	0	0	0
# Injuries:	0	0	0
Fatality Incidents:	0	0	0
# Fatalities:	0	0	0
Other*:	0	0	0

*Description Of Other:

Action: A preliminary evaluation has been opened.

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Summary: ODI received a letter from a congressman requesting assistance on behalf of a constituent. He forwarded information from the constituent reporting several issues with a Fleetwood motor home.

After reviewing the letter, examining RV's with "slide-outs" in the field and examining four related complaints in our internal complaint database, ODI has decided to open an investigation concerning unintentional movement of the slide-out extension during highway use.

Therefore, a preliminary evaluation has been opened to gain a technical understanding of the slide-out system, the failure mode, and possible safety consequences.